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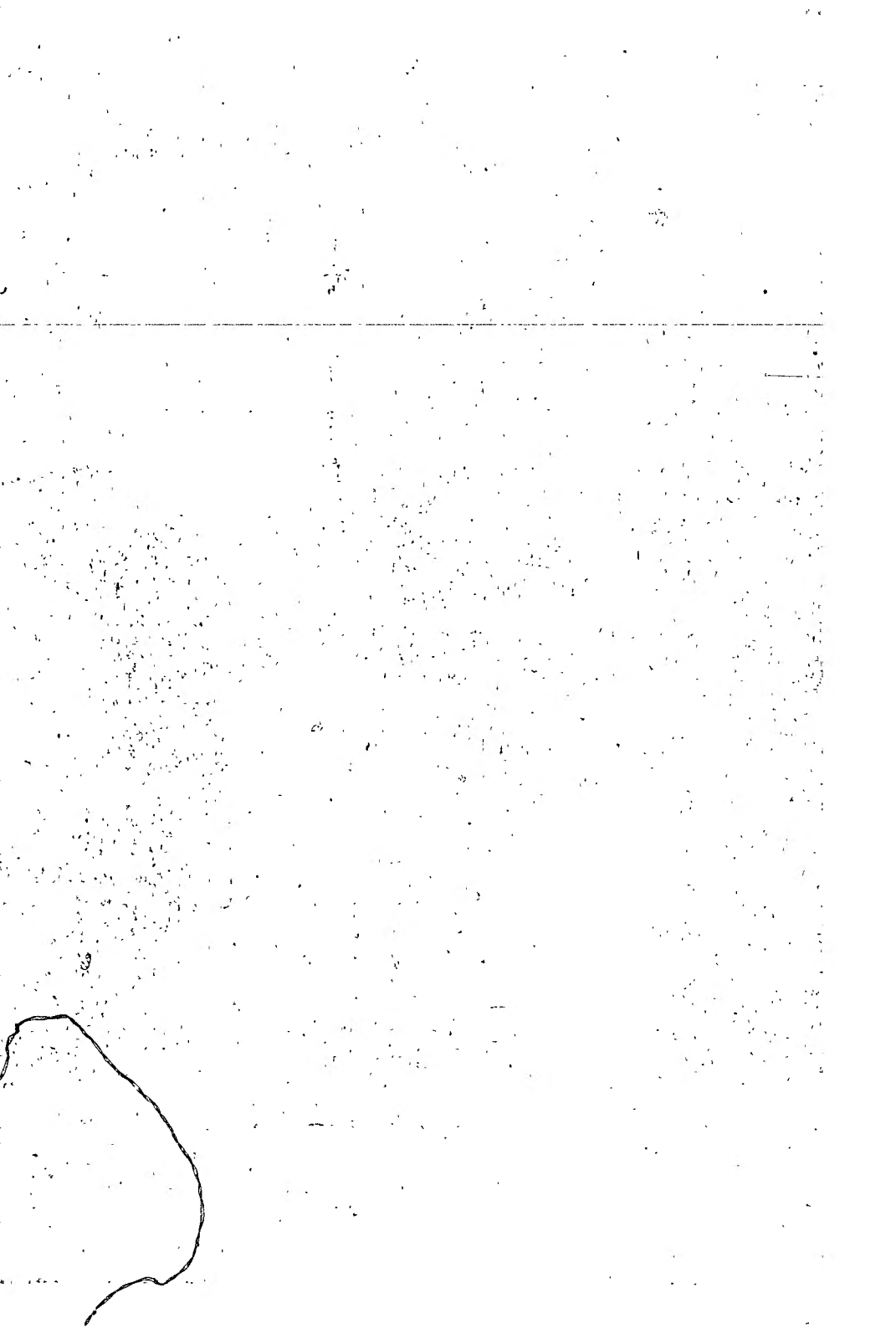


The N.W.M.P. Memorial & Indian Museum

Battleford, Sask.

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

OCTOBER 11 AND 12, 1936.



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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

of the

First Service Held in the
Completed Church

OCTOBER 10, 1886

HISTORICAL NOTES.

The beginnings of church life in what is now the parish of Battleford antedate the building of the present church by some ten years. The first service ever held was one conducted by Bishop McLean and Archdeacon Mackay on New Year's Day, 1877, and which was attended by the workmen engaged in the erection of the Legislative Building. For ten years services were conducted by Rev. Thomas Clarke, Archdeacon Mackay and Rev. I. J. Taylor.

In 1885 Rev. J. F. Pritchard was appointed and the parish organized. A building committee began work in that year though building was not commenced until 1886. The first service was held in July with Bishop McLean as preacher. The building was completed in October and the opening service held on October 10th.

In 1906 the Rectory was built and in 1920 a Parish Hall was purchased. Rectory status was achieved in 1911. In this Jubilee Year of 1936 the property of the parish has been enhanced by the generous gift of a new Rectory. It is a house hal-
lowed by the occupancy for many years of the donor, Mrs. E. K. Matheson, and her husband, the late Canon E. K. Matheson. Their combined influence in the parish has enriched its life beyond any expression in words and will continue, please God, throughout the years.

A list of the clergymen who have served the parish during the fifty years will be found elsewhere.

MEMORIALS IN THE CHURCH

A circular stained glass window was inserted in the East wall in 1894 and together with two brass vases commemorates Robert Wyld.

Rebellion days are commemorated by a large brass tablet erected on the South wall by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire to the memory of the North-West Field Force which included the Mounted Police.

A marble tablet is erected on the same wall in memory of Bernard Tremont, telegraph operator, who was killed by the Indians in 1885.

On the North wall is the framed list of those who served in the Great War. There were one hundred and five of whom twelve paid the supreme sacrifice.

Also on the North wall is a brass tablet in memory of Patrick Gammie Laurie who was a member of the building committee. Mr. Laurie founded the "Saskatchewan Herald," the oldest newspaper in Western Canada.

On the North wall of the chancel is a tablet commemorating the pastorate of Canon E. K. Matheson, second incumbent of St. George's, who passed to his reward on January 1st, 1931. It bears the inscription "He fed them with a faithful and a true heart."

SUNDAY, OCTOBER ELEVENTH

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
Celebrant—Canon W. H. English
- 10 a.m. Children's Service.
Address by Ven. H. A. Alderwood.
- 11 a.m. Matins and Holy Communion.
Preacher—Rev. J. F. Haynes.
(Rector 1918-1922).
- 7 p.m. Evensong.
Preacher—Canon A. E. Greenhalgh.
(Rector 1928-1935).

At the 7 p.m. service there will be dedicated by Arch-deacon H. A. Alderwood:—

Six windows of Cathedral glass presented as a thank-offering for the work of the first four Bishops of the Diocese, Bishops McLean, Pinkham, Newnham and Lloyd and of the first two incumbents, Revs. J. F. Pritchard and E. K. Matheson.

A Sanctuary Chair, owned originally by Mr. P. G. Laurie, and presented by a former incumbent, Rev. J. F. D. Parker, in memory of his wife.

A Bread Box to complete the Communion Vessels, given by Mrs. Stuart Palmer, of London, England.

MONDAY, OCTOBER TWELFTH

6 p.m. Banquet in the Town Hall.

Reading of messages.

Greetings from:—

The Diocese of Saskatoon, His Honor Judge Bence,
Chancellor.

Rural Deanery of Battleford, Canon W. H. English.

St. Paul's Church, North Battleford, Rev. R. Willis.

St. Vital's Church, Rev. Fr. A. Jullion.

United Church, Rev. T. Currant.

Town of Battleford, His Worship Mayor A. G. Cunningham.

Address by Ven. H. A. Alderwood, Archdeacon of Saskatoon.

"GOD SAVE THE KING."

GREETINGS.

FROM THE PRIMATE

My Dear People,—

I am very glad to hear that St. George's Church, Battleford, is observing its Fiftieth Anniversary on October 10th. Such anniversaries bring messages of encouragement to us in these days. When we think of what the pioneers in our different communities went through we are strengthened to continue our work. I always feel that a true knowledge of the past helps us as we face the problems and difficulties of the present.

May the Lord of all the years be with you now and forever.

Sincerely yours,

DERWYN TORONTO.

FROM THE METROPOLITAN

It is with genuine pleasure I send greetings as you celebrate the Jubilee of the Mother Church of the Diocese of Saskatoon. St. George's, Battleford, has been a pioneer church in more ways than one in the past and I sincerely hope it will continue to go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways and give courage and salvation unto His people in the years to come.

I pray God's richest blessing may rest upon the Bishop of the Diocese, the Priest of the Parish and the good people committed to their care both now and in the future.

M.M. RUPERT'S LAND.

FROM THE BISHOP

Will you please convey to the congregation of St. George's Church my congratulations on their attaining their fiftieth year. This anniversary is happy because it marks not only the passage of time but also the continuance of the congregation as an effective agent of goodwill in the community and as a pillar of witness for the existence and extension of God's Kingdom in the hearts and lives of men. I hope that they will never forget that in this diocese St. George's was the first church and congregation. May it be their justifiable pride that always they can be counted upon to give devoted service for Christ and His Church.

W. T. SASKATOON.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH

MISSIONARIES

1876 Ven. Archdeacon J. A. Mackay.
Rev. Thomas Clarke.
Rev. Isaac John Taylor.

INCUMBENTS

1885-1888 J. F. Pritchard.
1888-1894 E. K. Matheson.
1894-1896 G. H. Hogbin.
1896-1898 W. R. Beal.
1898-1901 G. C. Whyte.
1901-1906 J. F. D. Parker.
May-Oct., 1906. (Student in charge) E. C. Burch.
1906-1908 F. P. Duffy.
1908-1911 I. J. Jones.

RECTORS

1911-1916 I. J. Jones.
1916-1918 H. Sherstone.
1918-1922 J. F. Haynes.
1922-1927 J. Rance.
1928-1935 A. E. Greenhalgh.
1936 R. Manwaring.